Musadik Malik warns of weaponisation of water, climate injustice

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Dr Musadik Malik on Tuesday warned that the world is moving towards a dangerous new order marked by the "weaponisation of water" and growing injustice in global climate politics.

Speaking at the Sustainable Development Policy Institutes (SDPI) 28th Sustainable Development Conference at the Allama Iqbal Open University, Dr Malik said the collapse of multilateral cooperation was pushing the world into an era of conflict and competition.

"Multilateralism is dying, he told delegates. Its landing its way to bilateralism, and now mostly to unilateralism.

"The new politics of the world is not moving towards cooperation. You are going to see more wars, more conflict, and more weaponisation," he said.

The minister warned that lower riparian countries those located downstream on shared rivers faced growing risks as powerful upstream nations sought control over water flows, adding that water is becoming the next weapon.

Once the precedent is set for upper riparian countries to control water, what will come next; the weaponisation of wind?

Dr Malik also criticised what he described as hypocrisy in global climate finance, accusing major polluters of benefiting the most from green funding.

He said 40 per cent of the world's carbon emissions were produced by just two countries, while 10 nations accounted for 75 per cent yet the same 10 received around 85 per cent of global green financing.

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BANGLADESH'S Adviser for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Syeda Rizwana Hasan speaks during a session during the SDPI conference in Islamabad on Tuesday. — Photo by Mohammad Asim

The minister said Pakistan ranked 167th out of 180 nations in progress towards the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, saying the country must find sustainability in an era of global disorder.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh's Adviser to the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Syeda Rizwana Hasan warned that multilateralism was losing ground amid growing political unrest in South Asia.

She said worsening natural disasters, soil degradation, and regional disputes particularly between upper and lower riparian nations threatened millions of lives.

Pakistan has seen actions by upper riparian that violate international law, she noted.

UN Resident Coordinator and humanitarian coordinator Pakistan Mohamed Yahya said the era of small projects was over, adding that we can support governments technically, but we cannot replace them.

AIOU Vice-Chancellor Dr Nasir Mahmood called upon the world to shift from fragmented projects to bold, regional programmes to tackle shared environmental challenges.

He said the private sector had often seen as a bystander to policy, which was proving to be a partner in transformation from climate-resilient infrastructure and renewable energy ventures to digital inclusion and sustainable production.— APP

13 injured in gas leak blast at SC canteen

ISLAMABAD: As many as 13 people were burnt, two of them seriously, in a gas explosion in the canteen of the Supreme Court on Tuesday.

The incident took place in the canteen located in the basement of the court building at around 10:55am.

Talking to media at the apex court, Inspector General of Police Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi said two persons were seriously injured.

Teams from Special Branch, Bomb Disposal Squad and Rescue 1122 conducted an initial probe and examined the scene of the incident, which suggested that there were a complaint about gas leak in the basement and plumbers and technicians were working on it.

Today, there was a massive leakage and smell in the basement. In the meantime, two air-conditioners installed in the canteen were also not working properly. When the technicians were busy in the repair work, the blast occurred, creating a thrust and breaking the window glasses and damaging false ceiling and other items. Majority of the injured were technicians, said the IGP.

He said he discussed the matter with the deputy director and the overall in-charge, both of whom confirmed that there had been a gas leak for the past three days and that they were working to resolve it. The plastic pipes of an oven and tandoor were replaced in the morning, but there was still a gas smell present.

The police also asked for suspending the gas supply by switching off all connections from outside till the building was cleared completely in connection with the leak.

The police said in the incident Asad Muneeb, 19, sustained 70pc burn injuries, Attif, 40, 25pc, Abdul Latif, 48, 20pc and Saad, 22, sustained 15pc burn injuries. Talib Hussain, 35, Mohammad Basheer, 60, Mohammad, Osama, 25, Mehmood Alam, 53, Abdul Rahman, 44, Moiz, 22, and Naheed Abbasi, 45, sustained 10pc burn injuries, Tayyab, 35, sustained eight per cent burn injuries. Moreover, Tanveer Ahmed also sustained burn injuries. All the injured were shifted to Pims for treatment.

Meanwhile, Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Yahya Afridi visited the hospital and inquired about the condition of the injured. — Munawer Azeem

85pc increase in ceiling amount of federal government employees notified

We are happy with decision, but making ceiling amount part of regular salary is our longstanding demand, says teachers' representative

By Kashif Abbasi

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Housing and Works on Tuesday notified 85pc increase in rental ceiling for federal government employees.

The increase in the rental ceiling has been approved with effect from November 1, 2025.

However, the employees will continue receiving the ceiling amount through their departments. They had been demanding that the ceiling amount should be made part of their regular salary as getting it from their respective department was always a hectic task.

They said the delay in the release of the ceiling amount created problems for the employees. However, the employees appreciated the federal government for the 85pc increase and again demanded that it should be made part of their salaries.

"We are happy for this 85 increase, but we have been demanding for making the ceiling amount part of the regular salary. For getting the ceiling amount, we have to move several departments," said Federal Government Heads (principals) Association President Fazal-i-Mola.

He said that there are three types of government employees: those who avail ceiling fund, those who live in government owned residences and those who get house rent in their salaries. He said employees who don't have government owned houses and get house rent in their salaries should be given the rent amount in accordance with the current basic salaries.

Meanwhile, Vice President of Joint Action Committee of Federal Directorate of Education Malik Ameer Khan said the government was paying house rent in accordance with the basic pay of year 2008, which was a great injustice and this rent should be increased in the light of current basic salaries.

"As far as ceiling fund is concerned, we have been demanding for years that this should be made part of salaries to ease out the process. Getting approval of hiring is a cumbersome process," he said, adding the ceiling amount should be increased every year.

"The ministry of housing had to do lots of struggle for around 18 months for getting the 85pc increase approved from the federal government," he said and appreciated efforts made by the housing minister and all those who were involved in the process.

He also highlighted another issue, saying the government deducts 5pc from the salaries of all employees, who live in official residences for repair and maintenance, but in return, the allottees of these houses have to face a lot of hardship for getting the repair work done from the departments concerned. "Instead of making this 5pc deduction, the government should authorise the allottees to get the repair work done on their own," he said.

Meanwhile, a press release issued by housing ministry stated that 85pc increase had been notified after four years as last revision was made in September 2021.

The ministry said hiring of residential accommodation is decentralised across six specified stations: Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Lahore, Karachi, Quetta and Peshawar. Over time, private rental costs in these cities have escalated significantly due to inflation and the growing influx of population, making it increasingly difficult for government employees to secure reasonable accommodation at existing rates.

Federal Minister for Housing and Works Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada congratulated all the federal government employees on the landmark relief measure.

He stated that the revision will help reduce the workload on the Estate Office, especially in Islamabad, where there are almost 17,400 government residences and approximately 43,000 registered applicants for official accommodation.

According to the notification, employees from scale 1 to 2 now will get Rs13004 rental ceiling for Islamabad and Rs12193 for other stations; employees in scale 3-6 will get Rs20313 in Islamabad and Rs17860 for other stations; employees in scale 7-10 will get Rs30,346 for Islamabad and Rs27162 for other stations.

For scale 11-13, Rs45776 will be given for Islamabad and Rs39705 for other stations. Employees in scale 14 to 16 will now get Rs57507 for Islamabad and Rs50198 for other stations. For employees of grade 17-18, Rs76122 will be given for Islamabad and Rs66411 for other stations.

For grade 19 employees, Rs127095 will be given for Islamabad and Rs86610 for other stations and for grade 20, the amount will be Rs127095 for Islamabad and Rs109296 for other stations.

For grade 21, the ceiling amount will be Rs152183 for Islamabad and Rs131548 for other cities. For grade 22, the amount will be Rs182121 for Islamabad and Rs165076 for other stations.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
Services, General Administration & Coordination Department
Intermediate Category Screening Test for BPS-05 to BPS-15

Government of Sindh intends to fill the vacant posts of BPS-05 to BPS-15 requiring qualification of intermediate as per Recruitment Rules in all the departments. The initial screening test will be conducted by the SIBA Testing Services (STS) as per following criteria approved by the Provincial Cabinet on 24-12-2019.

1. The cut-off percentage for passing the test shall be 40%.
2. The test result shall be valid for three (03) years.
3. The interviews will be conducted by the concerned Departmental Selection Committees specified under Rule-5 (1) of Sindh Civil Servants (Appointment, Promotion and Transfer) Rules, 1974 inserted vide **Notification No. SORI(SGA&CD) 3-76/2019, DATED: 03-03-2020, already notified by the Government of Sindh.**
4. The test shall be conducted at divisional headquarters.
5. Age requirements (Minimum 18 years and Maximum 30 years on closing date of applications).

LAST DATE TO APPLY 21st NOV 2025

Note: The sample test paper will be uploaded on the website:
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4) Providing fictitious, exaggerated or misleading information shall result in rejection of applications & can lead to termination of employment at any stage.
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10) Last Date for applying online is **November 21, 2025.**

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